



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

## HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES FORCES KOREA

UNIT #15237  
APO AP 96205-5237

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### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Forces Korea (USFK) Command Policy Letter #6, Prohibited Substances

1. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a theater-wide policy regarding certain prohibited substances. This policy supersedes USFK Command Policy Letter #55, Prohibited Substances, dated 10 August 2010. This policy remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

#### 2. References:

a. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 1010.4, Drug and Alcohol Abuse by DoD Personnel, 11 January 1999.

b. Army Regulation 600-85, The Army Substance Abuse Program, 2 February 2009, with Rapid Action Revision (RAR) 2 December 2009.

c. Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5300.28E, Military Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, 23 May 2011.

d. Air Force Instruction 44-121, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Program, 11 April 2011.

e. Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

3. Applicability. This policy is applicable to all of the following personnel who are residing in or transiting through Korea: service members, federal civilian employees, invited contractors and technical representatives, and dependents. This policy is punitive. Violations of the provisions of this policy may result in punitive actions against service members, and adverse administrative actions against service members, federal civilian employees, invited contractors and technical representatives, and dependents.

#### 4. Background.

a. A trend of abusing substances not on the U.S. controlled substance list (Title 21, United States Code section 812) but that are capable of, and are increasingly marketed and/or distributed for the purpose of, producing excitement, intoxication, and/or stupefaction of the central nervous system, has emerged in Korea among USFK personnel. Many of these substances are illegal in Korea and also fall within the purview of references 2a through 2d above.

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b. After consulting with medical and law enforcement personnel, I have determined that the unregulated and unpredictable nature of the substances described in paragraph 5 below causes all of the following potential consequences of ingestion, inhalation, or injection: personnel may suffer adverse physical reactions, have an impaired ability to perform their duty when required in a safe and competent manner, or may engage in unlawful or dangerous behavior due to impaired judgment. Medical personnel have also informed me there are no legitimate medical uses of the substances listed in paragraph 5 below. These conditions make it necessary for me to take steps to ensure we have the ability to conduct our mission at any time, to avoid incidents that may negatively affect the relationship between Korea and the United States, and to protect the fitness and welfare of all service members and other SOFA status personnel living in Korea.

5. Prohibition. In order to ensure military readiness; safeguard the health and wellness of the force; and maintain good order and discipline in the service, the knowing use of any intoxicating substance (other than the lawful use of alcohol, tobacco, or caffeine products, and the lawful use of medications consistent with their intended medical purpose and prescribed dosage) that is inhaled, injected, consumed, or introduced into the body in any manner to alter mood or function is prohibited. These substances include, but are not limited to, controlled substance analogues (e.g., designer drugs such as "spice" that are not otherwise controlled substances) and naturally occurring intoxicating substances (e.g., salvia divinorum) that are capable of inducing, and that are or will be marketed and/or distributed with the intent to induce, excitement, intoxication, and/or stupefaction of the central nervous system; inhalants, propellants, solvents, household chemicals, and other substances used for "huffing"; and prescription or over-the-counter medications when used in a manner contrary to their intended medical purpose or in excess of the prescribed dosage. The possession of any intoxicating substance described in this paragraph, if done with the intent to use in a manner that would alter mood or function, is also prohibited. Failure to comply with the prohibitions contained in this paragraph is a violation of Article 92, UCMJ.

6. Individuals who have questions about applicability of the prohibitions in this policy to any substance should contact a service substance abuse counselor, such as a counselor from the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP).

  
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General, U.S. Army  
Commander

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